

REMARKS

This response is in reply to the final Office Action mailed July 16, 2007. Claims 11, 12 and 15-38 are pending and under consideration.

Claims 11-12 and 15-38 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 4-6 of U.S. Patent No. 6,627,623. Applicants enclose herewith a Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c), with the necessary fee, in connection with U.S. Patent No. 6,627,623. There is common ownership between the present application and U.S. Patent No. 6,627,623 as discussed in the Terminal Disclaimer.


Applicants submit that the rejection is overcome in view of the Terminal Disclaimer with respect to U.S. Patent No. 6,627,623. Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 11-12 and 15-38 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting be withdrawn.

In light of the above remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Patent Office reconsider this application with a view toward allowance.

No fees, other than that for the enclosed Terminal Disclaimer, are believed to be due with this response. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge all required fees, or credit any overpayment, to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 50-3013 (referencing 517019-999019).

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